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Award

Provision of Planned and Responsive Maintenance and Minor Works Belfast Electrical Lot 2

Education Authority NI

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Education Authority NI

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Planned and Responsive Maintenance and Minor Works Belfast Electrical Lot 2

Reference number

Belfast Electrical Lot 2

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45210000 - Building construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The award of a contract by Education Authority Northern Ireland (EANI) without prior publication of a call for competition in the Official Journal of the European Union, in respect of the continued provision of a Term Service Contract for Electrical Maintenance and Minor Works (Belfast Region) Lot 2 as further described in OJEU Contract Notice.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £4,265,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of Planned and Responsive Electrical Maintenance and Minor Works to be carried out in schools and associated facilities located in the Education Authority (Belfast Region) Area Lot 2.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

An extension to 30-11-2021, with the further option for EANI, in its absolute discretion, to extend for up to two further periods of 4 months until 31-03-2022 and 2 months until 31-05-2022 at the latest.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

4,265,000 GBP (being 1,900,000 GBP until 30-11-2021; 1,575,000 GBP until 31-03-2022; and 790,000 GBP until 31-05-2022).

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Contract was for 1 year with an option to extend up to a further 3 years. Due to delays in re-procuring, Covid-19 and litigation, the Contract was extended on a number of occasions culminating in VEAT(2020/S 106-258310) until 30-06-2021. EANI have underspent under each VEAT.

Due to being unable to resolve the 9 sets of proceedings relating to the re-procurement, it has become necessary to seek a further unavoidable extension. EANI anticipates awarding the new Contract by 30-11-2021. Optional extensions are to allow for unforeseen circumstances. Successive modifications were not to circumvent Part 2 of PCR 2015, rather they have become necessary due to the relevant circumstances.

The 11 month modification value is circa £4,265,000, which does not exceed 50% of the upper range of the original contract value. 50% of the value accounts for contingency due to the unknown volume of emergency work that may be required. Such contingency also includes sums to permit work in other Lots as required. To secure continuity of service, as the contractor can no longer hold its price due to Covid-19 and/or Brexit, Task Orders issued on/after 01-07-2021 will be adjusted for inflation, calculated with the BCIS Measured Term Contract Updating Percentages. Inflation from mid-point of original contract to 31-03-2021 is: PSA SOR ELEC11 Rate A, Rate B/D/E, Rate C 4.7pct, 8.4pct and 6.0pct respectively, applies to Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Price List; Rate B/D/E applies to Sections 3, 5 and 6; PSA SOR BCE15 5.5pct applies to Section 7 Item OT020. Inflation after 01.04.21 will be change in BCIS MTC Updating Percentages from 31.03.21 indices, based on TO issue date/latest published index.

The proposed extended term and inflationary price uplift are permitted by Regulation 72(1)(c) as the need for additional services from the original contractor is due to the ongoing litigation which could not have been foreseen and/or avoided by a diligent contracting authority and the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract. In the alternative, they are permitted by Regulation 72(1)(b) as a change of provider: (i) cannot be made for economic and technical reasons such as requirements of interchangeability or interoperability of services procured under the original procurement

given the need to ensure continued access to EANI schools and facilities. Given new contract commencement will be 01-12-2021 or asap thereafter, commencement of a new contractor twice in a short time period, especially in the current climate, would create risk to stability and integrity of services, be unsettling for users and could result in partial/total closure of schools and associated facilities; and (ii) would cause significant inconvenience and duplication of costs for EANI. Any new contractor would have start-up costs in recreating the current service for an unknown period, which would represent poor VFM, compared to extending the Contract. The inflationary increases are necessary to secure the agreement of the original contractor to continue provision of the services given that the contract prices have been fixed for a considerable period. In respect of carrying out work in other Lots, this is permitted under the terms of the Contract and so permissible under Regulation 72(1)(a).

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 May 2021

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

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info@irwinm-e.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://irwinm-e.com/>

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,265,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £4,265,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The UK does not currently have any such bodies with responsibilities for appeal/mediation procedures

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Country

United Kingdom